

Application No. 10/608,257
Office action dated November 16, 2007
Response dated January 25, 2008

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-18, and 20 are pending. Claims 3, 4, 10, and 13 stand withdrawn. Claims 1, 5-9, 11, 12, 14-18, and 20 stand rejected.

Applicants have reviewed the Office action, including the Examiner's remarks and the references cited therein. Applicants submit that the following remarks are fully responsive to the Office action, and that all pending claims are patentable over the cited references.

Double Patenting Rejection

The Examiner rejects claims 1, 5-9, 11, 12, and 14-18 on the grounds of nonstatutory, obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-24 of United States patent no. 6,960,207. Applicants submit that the terminal disclaimer submitted herewith overcomes the double patenting rejection.

Withdrawn Claims

Claims 3, 4, 10, and 13 were withdrawn in response to a restriction requirement. Claims 3 and 4 depend from claim 1. Claims 10 and 13 depend from claim 8. In view of the terminal disclaimer submitted herewith, claims 3, 4, 10, and 13 should be rejoined and allowed.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance, and request that all rejections be withdrawn, that all pending claims be allowed, and that the application be passed to issue. If, for any reason, the Examiner finds the application to be in other than condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned in an effort to resolve any matter still outstanding before issuing another action.

No extension of time is believed necessary for this response to be considered timely. Should an extension of time be deemed necessary for this paper to be considered timely, Applicants hereby petition therefor under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136.

Authorization is hereby granted to charge any fees due with the filing of this document, including any fees for any extensions of time deemed necessary, to Deposit Account No. 50-1129 with reference to Attorney Docket No. 0B-044301US/82410-0014.

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